REVENUE—(MUZRAI).

(*Nos. 43 to 47.*)

SUBJECT NO. 43.

Facilities for the administration of muzrai institutions.

Mr. T. Ramachendra Rao, Magadi Taluk.

(*a*) *Mr. T. Ramachandra Rao* pointed out that owing to want of tasdiks and adequate scale of pay, the work of many of the muzrai institutions was at a standstill and as such *utsavams* and other ceremonials were not being regularly observed. As the present scale of establishment was fixed long ago, he requested that the same might be suitably revised by Government.

The Second Member of Council stated that, in regard to the major institutions, Government had already considered this question and revised the scale of establishment, and that as regards the minor institutions, the revision was left to the Deputy Commissioner. He added that, if particular instances in which the scale of establishment was low and required revision were brought to the notice of Government, necessary steps would be taken.

(*b*) *The member* urged that Amildars might be empowered to sanction bills up to Rs. 25 or Rs. 100 per annum on the recommendation of the Dharmadarsis.

The Dewan replied that the subject would be noted for consideration.

(*c*) The member urged that contractors undertaking work relating to muzrai institutions may be given advances on proper security being furnished and the bills for the work done or materials collected promptly paid.

The Second Member of Council pointed out that the inconvenience complained of was not likely to occur hereafter in view of the fact that muzrai works had been transferred to the P. W. Department. He added that the system of paying advances to contractors was wrong in principle and could not therefore be approved by Government.

(*d*) The member urged that, in places where there were muzrai institutions, a choultry and other facilities such as water-supply, etc., might be provided at the time of *jatras*, as much inconvenience was being felt by pilgrims for want of the same.

The Second Member of Council replied that wherever Government found it necessary, they did provide such facilities if funds were available at the disposal of the institutions concerned and that, if in any particular cases such facilities were not provided for, representations might be made locally when they would be duly considered.

SUBJECT NO. 44.

Investment of funds of all muzrai institutions.

(*a*) Messrs. A. Srikantappa, Bangalore District Board and T. Ramachandra Rao, Magadi Taluk.

(*b*) Gubbi Komaraiya and K. Naranappa, Hole-Narsipur Taluk and Bale Venkatasamaiya, Hole-Narsipur Town Municipality.

(*a*) *Messrs. Srikantappa and Ramachandra Rao* pointed out that in cases where inam lands endowed to muzrai institutions were sold or otherwise disposed of, the sale proceeds thereof were credited to the surplus funds. When a fresh inam land had to be purchased, the sanction of Government would be necessary to get back the amount from the surplus fund. As this caused a good deal of delay and inconvenience and the amount would be at the disposal of Government without fetching any interest, the members prayed that such amounts might be ordered to be deposited in the Savings Bank until fresh lands were purchased.

They also urged that the several items of income of muzrai institutions such as amarayi, pasturage, fees on shops during jatras, etc., which were being credited to the funds of the institutions might be allowed to be kept in